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## **Amendments to the Specification:**

With reference to the substitute specification, please insert the following section on page 5, line 14, immediately prior to the "Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment."

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The foregoing summary of the invention and the following description will be better understood in conjunction with the drawing figures, in which:

Figure 1 is a cross-sectional view of a section of a cylinder and piston unit, and a sealing collar accommodated therein, taken through line 1-1 of Figure 3.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the sealing collar of Figure 1, with the cylinder and piston unit removed for clarity.

Figure 3 is a side elevation view of the sealing collar of Figure 1, with the cylinder and piston unit removed for clarity.